

funds or any funds received in the future. And then the last item was information regarding funded projects should be disseminated so as to ensure an adequate notice of the availability of funds to all potential target areas, particularly those potential recipients without routine access to media information sources. That one came about primarily because at least one of the programs is somewhat of a loan assistance type of program for people that do weatherization or other conservation type of improvements on homes and it was a concern that the manner in which that was done would ensure that people widely dispersed across the state and who, in fact, would be qualified under a need basis had information as to the availability or the potential availability of these funds for projects. That's the basis of it. You had submitted to you, I believe, some time ago the plan itself which goes into more detail and I could or other members of the committee could respond to some of those specifically if you have questions beyond what I have outlined.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Before recognizing Senator Wesely for discussion purposes, I am pleased to announce that the good Senator from the 26th District has some special guests in the north balcony. We have 15 juniors and seniors from Northeast High here in Lincoln with their teacher. Would you people please stand and be recognized. Thank you. We're glad to have you with us. Senator Wesely, followed by Senator Schmit.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, I would like to really call the body's attention to the issue before us today because you're deciding how you're...well, actually you're not deciding anything, frankly, which is why probably most of you aren't paying attention, but for some of us we thought that maybe we would have a little more say-so over how we would allocate \$20 million in overcharged monies to deal with the energy problems of this state. If you recall, we debated this issue last year and we did pass a piece of legislation that took from the Legislature the ability to determine how that money was disbursed and gave that authority to the Governor. So, at this point, our discussion today in this resolution are perfunctory. They don't really end up meaning very much whatsoever. I'm sure perhaps the Governor will listen to some degree to what we have to say in the next few minutes but it's likely that whatever she wants to do or her agency wants to do they will be able to do and will do. And so we should immediately recognize that situation. But let me start by first saying I think the